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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK NNSC MEMBER LUNCHES WITH AMBASSADOR

1. AT HIS OWN REQUEST, THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE CZECH DELEGATION TO THE NEUTRAL NATIONS SUPERVISORY COMMISSION AT PANMUNJOM, COL. GENERAL MIROSLAV SMOLDAS, HAD LUNCH WITH AMBASSADOR AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE JANUARY 20. ONLY OTHER GUEST PRESENT WAS EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS FIRST INSTANCE IN WHICH CZECH/POLE DELEGATE HAS SOUGHT SUCH MEETING.
2. FACT THAT SMOLDAS HAD REQUESTED MEETING SUGGESTED THAT HE MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN CONVEYING SOME INFORMATION OR PURSUING PARTICULAR LINE OF DISCUSSION. SMOLDAS, HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH AFFABLE AND WILLING TO TALK, VOLUNTEERED NOTHING OF HIS OWN. HIS BASIC POINTS, MADE IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, WERE THAT TWO-KOREA SYSTEM SEEMED TO BE ONLY FEASIBLE SOLUTION TO KOREA QUESTION AND THAT THE NORTH KOREAN REGIME, STILL FIGHTING THE COLD WAR, WAS "LIVING IN ANOTHER WORLD".
3. LACK OF CLEAR-CUT MOTIVE TO REQUEST FOR MEETING
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(WHICH PROBABLY WAS CLEARED IN PRAGUE AND MOSCOW), LEADS US TO SPECULATE THAT IT MAY HAVE BEEN MEANT TO BE SIGNAL TO NORTH KOREA AND ROKG THAT SOVIETS AND THEIR EUROPEAN ALLIES PREPARED TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE THAN PYONGYANG ON

KOREA QUESTION.

4. MEMCON OF MEETING BEING POUCHED.
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